

# LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES



PTA PRESIDENTS ... Planning another year of parent-teacher work are the presidents of the Gardena-Wilmington council units. From left standing: Richard Curdson, 155th; Fred Hamilton, Denker; Don Conrad, Parche; Chris Salcido, Hawaiian; Max Kurtz, Chapman; J. O. Gayer, Pines; William Andreas, 232nd; A. M. Arnold, Towne; Grace Whittingham, Wilmington; James

Menners, Dolores; Don Armstrong, 156th; George Erickson, Calhoun; Walter Stewart, 186th; G. L. Walker, Canyon; Susan James Logan, Millettland; Del Amo; Eugene Young, Gardena; W. C. Willard, Anacostia; Lee Moody, Gulf; James Sheppard, Dominguez; and Don Johnson, 156th. (Photo by Buck)

## Casimir

"School Home, Community, the Circle of Cooperation" will be the theme for the 1958-59 Casimir Elementary PTA meetings. It was learned recently at a board meeting at the home of Mrs. William F. Hunter, Mrs. Norman L. Boy, program chairman, made the announcement and told of tentative plans which were formulated at a committee meeting.

The board meeting was opened with Mrs. Barton Peters presiding and 18 members in attendance. Mrs. Peters stated that the possibility of selecting an international relations chairman was in the offing as the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is at present negotiating for a friendship exchange with the South American countries receiving preference. She also announced the date of the next open council meeting as Sept. 9 at Torrance Elementary School.

Mrs. O. K. Malini elaborated further on the PTA meeting program by revealing the topic of the first meeting as "Mental Health" with a speaker and a film. The November program will be on narcotics.

It was revealed by John Dunworth, Casimir principal, that the expected enrollment for the fall session will be approximately 1210 children. A discussion followed concerning the expected spring of 1959 completion date of the proposed Lincoln School which will alleviate this crowded condition and eliminate double sessions.

Parent Education Chairman Mrs. L. G. Graham stated that a study course on all phases of public education will be offered to all interested parents who wish to enroll next fall. Classes will be held at the school.

Six members of the board, including Mr. Dunworth, recently attended the TEAC luncheon at which time reports were conducted through the usual new board of educational administrative office building and educational materials center, and also the maintenance and operation facilities.

## G-W Council

"A Child Shall Lead Us" is the theme the Gardena-Wilmington PTA's will use for their meetings throughout the year 1958-59, according to Mrs. Harry Baily, first vice president.

Always striving to better the relationship between parent and child, each month will bring to the meetings speakers, slides, skits, music and a symposium that will feature the family and child, exceptional child, gifted child, child welfare, and the child in home and school.

Among the outstanding participants will be Mrs. Georgeanna Hardy, president of the Los Angeles City school board; Mrs. Stanley T. Glendon, president of Los Angeles Tenth District CCPT; and Mrs. Lawrence B. Martin, director of public welfare CCPT.

Local PTA's participating in these programs are Amesley, Carson Street, Caswell, Chapman, Del Amo, Denker, Dolores, Dominguez, Fries, Gardena Elementary, G.W., Hawaiian, 156th, 156th and 156th, Towne, 156th and Wilmington.

## Gateway

A brisk exchange of promotional and award ideas was the order of the day when Mrs. Harry Rhodes, membership chairman of Gateway Council PTA, held a workshop for local unit membership chairmen in her home at 28515 Shady Vista Road, Rolling Hills.

Membership envelopes and cards were distributed for the drive that will get under way in October. Each school will strive for a 10% increase and 100% faculty membership.

Banning High was represented by Mrs. John Kapu, Mrs. T. Kobata and W. E. Martos were present from Gardena High. Peary Jr. High's delegate was Mrs. Dean Carter. Mrs. Peter Costa, Jr. was the San Pedro High representative and Mrs. Fred Bassett attended from S. M. White Jr. High, Wilmington. Mr. High had Mrs. Harry Peterson and Walter Stockwell in attendance. Mrs. Rhodes is affiliated with Fleming Jr. and Narbonne High PTA's.

Special guests were Mrs. E. G. Croom, Gateway Council president, and A. C. Aterson, press chairman.

Mrs. Rhodes served coffee and doughnuts to her guests.

Mrs. E. G. Croom, president of Gateway Council PTA announces that the annual potluck picnic of the council will be held on Thursday morning, Sept. 4 at 10 o'clock in Banning Park, Wilmington.

Business of the day will include ratification of chairman and approval of the 1958-59 program plans.

Members may bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. It is also requested that each person bring her own table service. Beverages will be served.

## 186th Street

A talent show was held at 186th St. school recently. Winners were girls junior class, Gloria Sandefur first place, Susan Pleck and Beverly Nichols, second, Boys junior class, Billy Sankster first place, Mike Hora, second, Boys senior class, Harvey Cels and Rodger Baldwin, first, Max Melhorn, second and Walter Holt, third.

As a reward, on Aug. 11, the members of the baseball team for winning the league championship will see the Dodger baseball game at the Coliseum free.

To climax the summer playground activities the PTA will furnish and serve cookies and punch to the children Aug. 12. The playground will close Aug. 15, and remain closed until Sept. 23. Through the cooperation of all boys and girls 100% safety has been kept on the schools playground. Mrs. Ralph Nichols, membership chairman for 186th St. school PTA held a committee meeting at her home, Aug. 5. During the meeting refreshments were served. Plans were made to have a series of workshops.

Those attending included Mr. Kirk Van Sooy, Mrs. Walter Stewart, Robert White, Kenneth Stephens, Dean Bryan, Frank Carl, Fred Phillips, Tom Nakagaki, J. F. Evans, Jr., Merrill Linder, and Robert Adams.

## High School 232nd Place

Several committees of the Torrance High School Parent Teacher Assn. have been active this month as they complete plans and preparations for an outstanding program during the coming year, according to Mrs. Paul Crossman, president.

Mrs. Lee Stamps, chairman of the budget and finance committee, met at the school Aug. 7, with Mrs. O. O. Clayton, P. M. Crossman, Gordon Routh, and Mr. Leonard Lifton, acting principal, to prepare a budget for the unit to be presented at the first association meeting in October.

Mrs. Cleo McComas is choosing her committee to be in charge of the annual Freshman Tea Sept. 19. Parents of Freshman students will be guests of honor. Members of the PTA executive board will be introduced to them and will encourage them to participate in the activities of the unit. The parents will also have the opportunity to meet informally with members of the faculty.

The membership committee under Mrs. Isabella Kelly, is planning a vigorous enrollment drive, Oct. 6-10. Mrs. Robert Moffitt, parliamentarian and her committee, are working to revise the by-laws and standing rules of the unit. The ways and means committee will again sell hot dogs, soft drinks, candy and popcorn at "home" sports events.

The executive board will meet in the school's teachers room, Monday Aug. 25, at 9:30 a.m.

## Halldale

"Money! and How to Spend It Wisely" was the main topic of discussion at the recent meeting of the budget and finance committee held at the home of Mrs. Frank Bowling Jr., president of the Halldale Ave. PTA.

Those attending were Mrs. Irvin Bishop, William Brock, William Dunston, F. E. Dye, Douglas Cowdry, W. M. McGuire, Jack Kenyon and

The board members of 232nd Place PTA held their August meeting in Pt. Fermin Park at San Pedro, where they enjoyed a pancake breakfast.

As the children explored the beach for treasures of the sea, Mrs. William Andreas, president, presided over the business meeting. At this time the chairman who will serve on the board for the coming year were ratified.

They are Mrs. Don Brymer, art and poster; F. Gable, child welfare; Lynn Humble, Community Chest; Conley Adams, health; Paul Martinez and Armando Silva, hospital; James Taylor, magazine; Eric Seale, membership; M. Walker, Milk Bowl; Robert Zieres, Newslette; Robert Muir, parent education; Maurice Schrader, program; Robert Lundstrom, press chairman; Kenneth Madison, record book; Robert Jones, room representative.

## Anza

Anza PTA Program Committee meeting was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Gordon Stephens. A theme for the coming year, "A Young Community - An Opportunity to Grow," was chosen.

At the executive board meeting the program and the budget were accepted and the board members decided to have a teachers' "coffee klatch" to welcome the new teachers to Anza School. Plans are being made for the Anza Bonanza Carnival which will be held on Halloween night.

Officers for the coming year are: Mrs. Gordon Stephens, president; Mrs. Kenneth Falconer, first vice-president; R. C. Shaner, second vice-president; Mrs. Ralph Swanson, third vice-president; Mrs. F. W. Roneche, fourth vice-president; Andrew Kovach, auditor; Mrs. Orville Travis, treasurer; and Mrs. Donald Wrench, corresponding secretary.

## Fleming

The program planning committee of Fleming Junior High PTA met recently in the office of the vice-principal. Those attending included Mr. P. E. Turner, principal; Mrs. Ruth Ware, vice-principal and Mrs. Joseph B. Butler, PTA president; C. L. Wilson, program chairman; Judson Bowers, Founders Day chairman; R. H. Groverman, press chairman.

The theme chosen for 1958-59 was "Blueprints for Today and Tomorrow" with several fine programs planned.

The first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, Oct. 28. "Surveying the Site" was chosen for that night's theme and it will be a welcoming tea for all and an orientation meeting for the new parents with speakers on counseling and youth services.

The November meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and theme "Strong Foundation" with a report on the growth of the school.

Tuesday, Feb. 24, "The Original Blueprint" will be Founders' Day and there will be a speaker on juvenile problems. The annual Open House, "Tour of Inspection," will be in April and Tuesday, May 28 will be the final meeting of the year with all the year-end reports and a talk on the many summer recreational facilities in this area. The PTA members also plan a "coffee break" for the teachers before school starts and a potluck luncheon at the end of the school year.

Throughout the year's programs, students will participate by means of music, classroom demonstrations and talks.

## Fern-Greenwood

A meeting of the Fern-Greenwood PTA's budget and finance committee was held recently at the home of Mrs. G. E. Northington. A proposed budget for 1958-59 was set up and suggested ways and means projects were discussed.

Members attending this meeting were: Mrs. S. F. Albright, L. B. Banasky, A. J. Campbell, Edward Conry, J. Gist, P. H. Stih, G. E. Northington, and J. T. Brandon.

## Narbonne

Mrs. Mavis Goodby, president of the Narbonne High School PTA, met with her board members and chairmen at large on Aug. 22 at the Torrance Park.

Mrs. Ed Holloway discussed the program for the coming year. The theme chosen is "It's High Time to Take Time."

Other important dates are: Sept. 4, Gateway Council potluck; Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m., special board meeting; Sept. 12, 3 p.m., Narbonne Teachers breakfast; Sept. 25, rummage sale at the San Pedro House of Rummage; Oct. 21 at 1:30 p.m. first PTA meeting at the school.

## PTA Treats Children

One of the warmest days of summer found members of 232nd Place PTA at the school playground to give treats to the children.

Approximately 140 children were on hand to enjoy the cooling refreshments.

Playground Director Marie Raglan and Coach Janet McNeal assisted Mrs. William Andreas, Raymond Laird, Mel Ruby, and Robert Lundstrom with the serving.

The playground closed for this year on Aug. 15.



FOR THE CHILDREN ... Down at the Walteria Park every Saturday morning 33 children with their dogs gather for a class in obedience. Along with numerous other classes and events for the children of the area, the South Bay Obedience Club set up this class for youngsters, who are taught to train and handle their dogs. Many children have been turned away as the membership is limited to 33.

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